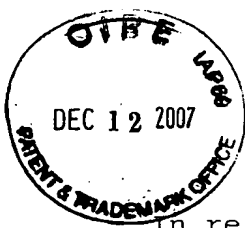


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 13, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

An **Appendix**, including two replacement drawing sheets, is attached following the signature page of this paper.